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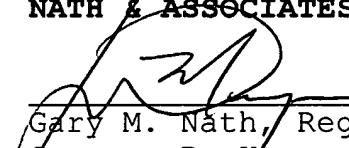
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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

1) Second Status Request.

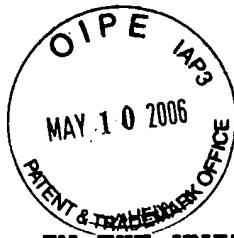
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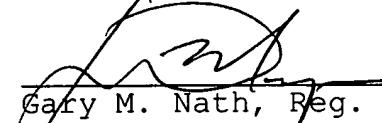
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Sir:

The above-identified patent application received a response from the USPTO on May 25, 2005, stating the application will receive an Office Action in approximately 10 months.

It is now May of 2006 and no communication has since been received indicating action on the merits. The undersigned attorney requests that status of the application and of the estimated date when a first Office Action on the merits may be mailed.

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